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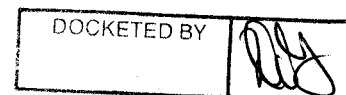
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Re: **Case No. 105 - San Tan Power Plant Expansion
(Warner & Val Vista Roads)**

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Dear Sirs:



This letter is being written to you to express the numerous concerns of Gilbert citizens regarding the anticipated expansion by Salt River Project of the San Tan Power Plant Facility at Warner and Val Vista Roads that the Arizona Corporation Commission Power Plant and Line Siting Committee will decide on Monday, February 12th.

As citizens of Gilbert, we are mad at our Town Leaders...

On April 25th, 2000, you, the Gilbert Town Council voted to approve entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with SRP, providing SRP's San Tan Expansion Project. The IGA was a major milestone in the development of the San Tan Expansion Project, planned 825-megawatt electric generating facility, with a **total expansion of 1125 megawatts by 2005**. You showed no regard to the Gilbert citizens of this densely populated residential community. Did you not think it would directly impact their lives? **With eighteen (18) power plants to be proposed and built in the State of Arizona, how could you approve the expansion of the ONLY POWER PLANT PROPOSED FOR IN A DENSELY POPULATED RESIDENTIAL AREA...OUR COMMUNITY!**

Why should the citizens of Gilbert become the "sacrificial lambs"?

You say you are powerless on these issues, but your silence is deafening! Where is your concern for our citizens?

As citizens of Gilbert, we are mad at our State Representatives and Senators...

You would think that with the lives of almost 40,000 constituents in the balance, you could give us a moment of your time. You give us

lip service and little more. We have come to expect this. Who do you represent anyway? **With eighteen (18) power plants to be proposed and built in the State of Arizona, how can you stand by while SRP proposes the expansion of the only power plant proposed in a densely populated residential area...our community!**

As citizens of Gilbert, we are mad at the media...

We are tired of you skirting and clouding the issues. **Every time we voice our concerns about health issues, property values, or give you information that substantiates real concerns over the San Tan 825 megawatt power plant expansion, you give us video and sound bites of black-outs in California and inform us that this could be a reality here in Arizona...with a sense of urgency that our lights will go out too!** It is, at best, inaccurate reporting. The evidence presented by the COST Committee from research and public records indicates that we do not and will not have California's problem. But you chose to ignore these facts. They tell you about harmful emissions from this proposed power plant, the effects on our health, especially the elderly and children, and not only do you ignore these facts, but fail to report them. You were once called the "public watchdogs." Your one-sided reporting, misinformation or lack of information is appalling and should be a major concern to all!

As citizens of Gilbert, we are mad at Governor Jane Hull...

More than once you have said we are not going to have California's energy problem, because we have planned so well. **The San Tan Power Plant Expansion at Warner and Val Vista Roads is one of eighteen (18) recently proposed or approved power plants in the state of Arizona and the only one proposed for in a densely populated residential area...our community!** Yes, the people whose homes and lives are going to be jeopardized by this power plant expansion have every right to say **"we don't want it in our backyard."** We don't want it and we don't need it on Warner and Val Vista Roads in Gilbert. There are other sites; there are other power plants! Why jeopardize our children's health, our homes, and our community? **The lights will not go out in Arizona if the proposed San Tan Power Plant Expansion to be located on**

Warner and Val Vista Roads is built in a more remote site! Have you ever been to Warner and Val Vista Roads Governor Hull...this intersection is surrounded by homes, supermarkets, schools, churches, parks...our community...our investment for the future for our families and ourselves. What are you thinking? Do you really believe it belongs in OUR backyard?

And finally, as citizens of Gilbert, we are mad at SRP...

You show no regard for the residents of Gilbert. You insult us by saying you will clean up the existing power plant if you can build another three times the size adjacent to it. If the state had the technology to clean up the existing plant, why wasn't it done sooner? This is one of your bargaining chips. How much cleaner would our air be if you cleaned up the existing plant and built the expansion on a new site and **not in a densely populated residential area!**

You say the citizens of Gilbert want this plant, yet meetings and hearing are **NOT** held in the Town of Gilbert, but in adjacent cities, with inconvenient dates and times, that will guarantee the smallest possible turnout. Among your offers to the Town of Gilbert there are two street sweepers, a horse trail, a forty-foot high dirt mountain with trees on it! **What a trade off our health, our community, our future!**

You show statistics that the population of Gilbert will double within the decade, the San Tan Freeway, increased traffic, more homes, and businesses and the need for more power, here in Gilbert. With these projections, if this power plant expansion isn't approved in Gilbert, we will have no power. But to your credit, you have proposed and anticipate approval of **eighteen (18)** new power plants and more on the way that can handle not only the demands for Gilbert and the entire Valley, but also have a sizeable surplus to sell to outside markets. **But you insist that the largest power plant expansion be built on Warner and Val Vista Roads...a highly densely populated residential area.**

The EPA reports say emissions from the proposed power plant of this size are harmful to living things! So why would you build a horse trail around it? You say you have models and statistics. You

say we will be better off, but smaller proposed power plants with populations living further away than the proposed San Tan Power Plant Expansion **have been unanimously turned down because of the potential harmful health hazards to people.** We say "potential harmful hazards" because we won't know what will happen...do we? This is a big risk you are willing to take at the expense of the citizens of Gilbert! **An expansion on the intersection of Warner and Val Vista Roads is utter madness! This is our community...what are you thinking!**

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